

FROM SIENA TO ROME

has asked of her, but he was glad to see her. Castello Sant' Angelo is still holding out, and the Romans are bombarding it daily."¹

Urban received Catherine in a public audience, surrounded by those of his new cardinals who were in Rome. At his bidding, she addressed them, urging them to constancy and faith in the Divine Providence. " This poor little woman puts us to shame by her courage," he said, when she had finished ; "what need the vicar of Jesus Christ fear, although the whole world stand against him ? Christ the Almighty is more powerful than the world, and He will never abandon His Church." ²

The situation was full of peril. Francesco di Vico from Viterbo was ravaging the Patrimony, Giordano Orsini at Marino could threaten the very gates of Rome, Clement had armed galleys at the mouth of the Tiber to intercept Urban's communication with the sea, while in the Neapolitan territory and elsewhere troops were being collected, to decide the quarrel by force of arms. The Romans had taken the siege of Castello Sant' Angelo into their own hands, but could not prevail over the rigorous resistance of the two French captains, and Urban, unable

- to take up his residence in the Vatican, was compelled to remain at S. Maria in Trastevere. Here, on November 29, the day after Catherine's arrival, he issued a bull anathematizing the

- nurslings of iniquity and sons of perdition " : Clement himself, the ex-Cardinals of Amiens, Marmoutier, and Sant' Eustachio ; the Count of Fondi; Pierre de Cros, the Patriarch of Constantinople, the Archbishop of Cosenza, and a number of other

- relates; the Count of Caserta, Francesco di Vico, Niccolo Spinelli, and the three leaders of the Breton and Gascon mercenaries, Jean de Malestroit, Silvestre Budes, and Bernardon de la Salle.⁸

¹ *Lettere dei discepoli*, 10.

* *LqñJa*, III. i. 4 (§ 334)-

⁸ Raynaldus, vii. pp. 362-366. Cf. Valois, I. p. 162.

In December, Clement

made Pierre de Cros, the Patriarch of Constantinople, the Archbishop of Cosenza,

and Fra Niccolò da San Saturnino cardinals, together with the minister-general

of the Friars Minor, Fra Leonardo de' Grifibni.

